

Rains and cooler in north Sunday. Much cooler in north Monday.

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Good Evening—

There are some pleasures that recede from us as we advance toward them.—Eliza Leslie.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

PROHIBITION AGENT IS SHOT TO DEATH BY BOOZE BAND

Kentucky Section Stirred Up by Killing of Duff

NO TROOPS AVAILABLE

Government Sticks to Its Policy of Hands Off Until Last

(By Associated Press) Mount Sterling, Ky., Dec. 9.—Federal prohibition agents and possesmen tonight recovered the body of Agent Robert C. Duff, killed today in a skirmish with moonshiners who were barricaded in a cave in the hills of Menifee county, east of here. Members of the band had fled father into the hills when the officials and possesmen arrived.

Mount Sterling, Ky., Dec. 9.—Agent E. Duff, federal prohibition agent, was shot from ambush today in a battle with alleged moonshiners in the hills of Menifee county. Prohibition agents from various sections of the state were being assembled tonight to join a posse which was being formed to go to the scene of the battle.

A telegram was sent by United States Commissioner W. H. Wood to the secretary of war asking that the commanding officer at Fort Thomas be instructed to hold troops in readiness to entrain to the scene of the battle.

No Troops to Be Sent.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Use of federal troops in assisting prohibition officers in Kentucky in accordance with the policy of the war department in all such cases, could not be expected until all other agencies of the state and federal authorities had failed to restore order and the governor of Kentucky had certified in a formal request to the secretary of war for assistance, officials said today in commenting upon a report that Commissioner Wood had made such a request. No message from the commissioner had been received tonight at the department.

MRS. FORD WILL TELL HER STORY AND ABIDE BY IT

Tricked Into Marriage, She Was Driven Frantic, She Says

(By Associated Press) Detroit, Dec. 9.—Charges that she had been tricked into marriage by a man of great wealth and generosity, and that she had been driven to suicide by the actions of her husband, Mrs. Ford, when she goes on trial today for the defense of Mrs. May Ford, when she goes on trial for the defense of Mrs. May Ford, when she goes on trial for the defense of Mrs. May Ford.

WILLING TO FIGHT AND WAIVE BIG PURSE

(By Associated Press) Detroit, Dec. 9.—Battling Siki has accepted the challenge for a return fight with Georges Carpentier, scheduled upon his reinstatement in the French boxing federation. He is willing to fight for glory and to waive all the money that he has hitherto held.

Surprise Sprung When Law Talks of French Debt

(By Associated Press) London, Dec. 9.—Premier Bonar Law caused a sensation at the second session of the allied premiers this afternoon when in the course of his reply to M. Poincare's moratorium plan he gave clear indication that the British government would be quite willing to reconsider the question of cancellation of the French debt, provided such a step was made possible by a reparations settlement satisfactory to Great Britain.

BIRKHEAD-RUSSELL DAMAGE SUIT HAS WITNESS SHORT'GE

Former Governor Goes Autoing Rather Than Talk

(By Associated Press) Oxford, Miss., Dec. 9.—Interest in the damage suit instituted by Miss Frances Birkhead against Lee M. Russell, governor of Mississippi, centered tonight in efforts being made to locate Theo G. Bilbo, former governor, and wanted as a witness by the plaintiff.

The case was halted late today when attorneys for Miss Birkhead exhausted available witnesses to be called in rebuttal and asked for a continuance to permit an eleven-hour effort to locate Mr. Bilbo, for whom an attachment has been issued. The continuance was ordered over the protest of the defense. Mr. Bilbo is reported to have left his home several days ago on an automobile trip.

MORE EMPLOYEES THAN IN PRE-WAR FEDERAL OFFICE

Fired 36,000 This Year, But Number Is Yet Above Normal

(By Associated Press) Washington, Dec. 9.—While the several establishments of the government were reduced by more than 36,000 employees during the year, according to the annual report of the United States civil service commission today, at the end of the fiscal year's service as a whole had 569,863 employees, an increase of 123,000 since the year preceding the war.

Government Will Adopt Florida's Boll Weevil Plan

(By Associated Press) Washington, Dec. 9.—Next season's campaign against the boll weevil promises to be on a larger scale than in any season heretofore. Plans of the department of agriculture, as outlined by its cotton council, are being widely developed. Among the methods for control of the boll weevil which will be used next season is the recently announced by the Florida State Plant board which the cotton council has recommended be given a thorough trial in the cotton belt.

The present price of calcium arsenate is engaging the attention of the government and an attempt will be made to increase the supply for next season's fight on the boll weevil. A meeting for this purpose will be held in New York next Wednesday. It will be attended by government experts.

GRIDIRON DINNER MAKES FEATURE OF THIRD PARTY SKIT

Satire and Humor Mark December Frolic of Club

BEAR DOWN ON HARDING

What Will Congress Do to the President? Was Query

(By Associated Press) Washington, Dec. 9.—The recent elections and the suggested organization of a third political party gave members of the Gridiron club humor and satire in abundance tonight at their annual banquet.

The December frolic of the club, which is composed largely of Washington newspaper men, entertained President Harding, members of the cabinet and of the diplomatic corps, other government officials and business men and publishers from all sections of the country.

The numerous picketings which have become common in this city since women suffragists paraded before the white house, made the basis for the greeting to the assembling guests. Club members dressed in Italian fascist costumes, met them at the doors with appropriate banners. One, typical of the group, bore the question:

"Mr. President, are you with us or against us? That hour has come."

The third party skit was the feature of the dinner. Around a large table three members dressed as witches and representing Senators Borah, La Follette and Johnson, conducted a devil's brew. Borah recited:

"Round about the cauldron go, In new party issue throw, Knocks of every known condition, Bloes the standpat goat bath got, Boil thou first in the charmed pot."

All the witches insisted the new brew should not only have a kick, but should be composed of kicks. This led Borah to soliloquize on the question whether it were better to stay within the party and swat the administration, thereby affording the democrats much glee, or be a new party man in name as well as in deed, Senator Beveridge then announced his willingness to join, explaining:

"Twice have I switched; each time in turn rejected. I seek some new where I can be elected."

Hi Ford Burning Money.

The act closed with Henry Ford feeding the fire with greenbacks and with a farmer and a banker attempting to stir up the brew together, whereupon there was an explosion and the party broke up with the organizers blaming everybody and shaking their fists in each other's faces.

Four men warped in sheets appeared as the ghosts of "normalcy," "reduced taxation," "lower cost of living," and the "international court," but when they were unveiled the issues were shown to be still alive.

Good music featured the dinner, with several parodies, one of which, entitled "Sailing, Sailing, Over the Three-Mile Line," described the troubles of rum ships. A musical skit, "The Gridiron Follies of 1922," was the central point.

Finally a member remarked that President Harding had a number of problems on his mind.

"Take the next congress, for instance. I wonder what the president will do with it."

"I have a better conundrum than that. What will it do to him?"

In the finale the president was asked a number of questions in a song ending:

HARDING DESIROUS SUBSIDY FUNDS BE HANDLED BY BOARD

Republicans Give Job to Restore Some Killed Privileges

PRESIDENT DISPLEASED

Will Fight to Adopt Provision "Unwise and Dangerous"

(By Associated Press) Washington, Dec. 9.—One of the jobs which President Harding expects the republican majority of the senate to undertake while the ship bonus bill is before that body is the restoration of provisions giving the shipping board full control over the funds from which subsidies would be paid. This original provision was amended by the house so that the shipping board should be required to go to congress for appropriations from which to allocate the "bonuses."

President Harding is reported to have expressed great displeasure at the amendments made in the house, but in particular at the change which deprived the shipping board of automatic control over forty or fifty million dollars a year derived from customs receipts and intended to be bestowed as subsidies.

The extent of the authority which this provision of the bill gave to the shipping board and the vast sums of money which it might have put at the sole disposal of this bureau, without imposing on it any duty or obligation of making a running of the money, formed the theme of a speech delivered against the president's pet project by Representative Byrnes, of South Carolina, during its consideration in the house.

After pointing out that the bill directed the allocation of 10 per cent of the customs receipts to the fund for subsidies, Mr. Byrnes said:

"In October the duties amounted to \$40,185,835. Up to November 24 they amount to \$37,113,091, which at the rate of forty-five million a month. So that by this provision the bill would be going to put into the fund available for this purpose a paying surplus between forty-five million and fifty million a year."

The president of the United States, speaking from the platform here, told us and told the country that certainly for years to come that they would need but fifteen million dollars. The gentlemen in charge of the bill on this floor, man after man, have asserted the same thing. Why, if it will cost but fifteen million dollars should we set aside fifty million dollars a year out of the treasury, in which there is a deficit, according to the president.

"Then look at the next page of the bill and you will see that it is made a permanent appropriation, so that it will accumulate from year to year. Instead of being fifty million dollars next year, they will carry over thirty-five million dollars at the fund next year eighty-five million dollars. Why do it? What is behind it? Why not make them come to congress, just as every other department of the government ought to be made to do, and give congress the situation as it is, telling us what they have paid out, so that the members of congress and the country will know what is going on."

Mr. Byrnes reminded the house that the committee on appropriations on naval affairs is about to eliminate all permanent and revolving funds in the bill making appropriations for next year.

"That bill will come to the house in the next few weeks, and we will boast of our achievement, and yet

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NO DEEP WATER UNTIL DOCKS TO CARE FOR SHIPS

Colonel Bird Tells Local Business Men of the Requirements

HAS LUNCH ON RIVER

Government Want Proof of Need Before Making More Depth

Colonel P. B. Byrd, assistant United States engineer for the Jacksonville district, told local business men and shippers yesterday that whether or not a deeper channel is established and maintained on the St. Johns river depends very largely on the river ports that will be benefited thereby. The government, he said, will not spend money to deepen channels to ports that have no facilities for taking care of commerce that utilizes the channels.

Colonel Bird arrived here Friday evening, and yesterday at noon, was taken for a ride over the river front, where it is proposed to build municipal docks. The trip was made on the Noah Tilghman launch, Eto-wah, on which luncheon was served. Those making the trip were J. W. Hart, W. P. Merriam, C. C. Hudson, Clarence Kennerly, L. A. Smith, F. E. Wayner, B. C. Pearce, Arthur Corcoran, H. O. Hamm, H. M. de Montmollin, L. W. Warren, J. E. Johnson, E. R. Conway, H. A. McKenzie, Morris Cochran and Goode Guerry.

The purpose of Colonel Bird's visit was to make a preliminary survey of the St. Johns river from Jacksonville to Sanford, following recommendations in the rivers and harbors bill for a twenty-foot channel. Following the passage of the bill in congress the next step is a survey by the engineering department and a recommendation as to the needs and advisability of making the project a part of appropriation bills. It is this survey which Colonel Bird is making.

Colonel Bird explained yesterday that, although congress might have passed a rivers and harbors bill providing for a twenty-foot channel from Jacksonville to Sanford, that this by no means meant that the project would ever actually be carried out. The ultimate of such a plan, he said, would be the recommendation and approval of the engineering forces of the government, and that before such a recommendation could be made it was necessary to make a complete investigation. This investigation, he explained, was to ascertain the amount of business the special project would serve, the increase it would mean in traffic and the saving to the public at large. The government, he said, proceeds on the same business theory that any private enterprise does, that it will not expend money unless there is in sight dollar value.

"It would be foolish indeed," Colonel Bird said, "for the government to provide a twenty-foot channel from Jacksonville to Sanford and throw it open to the marine world when none of the cities along the 'course' had docks at which ships could land and discharge their cargoes. I understand that Palatka is very much in that predicament—where it has great tonnage awaiting distribution here, but has no facilities for handling it."

Colonel Bird suggested the line of information the government desires, information that is not based on visionary calculations, but actual facts—with a reasonable speculation as to the future development of business which such a project would serve. This information should be offered, he said, on the basis of tonnage which would be served by the project, with a reasonable assurance that such tonnage would increase at a ratio that will insure constantly growing need of the project.

A hearing will be held in Palatka in January, Colonel Bird said, at which time the government will ask for evidence as to the need of the establishing of a twenty-foot channel between Jacksonville and Sanford, and at that time Palatka, DeLand, Sanford and other points are expected to furnish the answer.

Klansmen Fired If Found on New York's Pay Rolls

(By Associated Press) New York, N. Y., Dec. 9.—New York city employees holding membership in the Ku Klux Klan will be discharged when their identity is learned, Commissioner of Accounts Hirschfield declared today in announcing an investigation of reports that the klan was making a membership campaign among the workers. "The city," he said, "will not tolerate klansmen in its governmental departments. Every discovered klansman will be fired."

ALLEN-WHITE CASE NOW WORLD NOTED QUICKLY QUASHED

Court Jabs Governor Because of His Lack of Judgment

(By Associated Press) Emporia, Kans., Dec. 9.—The state's case against William Allen White, Emporia editor, charged with violating the industrial court law, by placing a placard in the window of his newspaper office, was dismissed today in district court. Mr. White appeared at the court with his attorney.

In dismissing the case Judge Harris declared the rumors arising from the state's refusal to bring the case to trial had done White an injustice and the judge flayed the administration of Governor Henry J. Allen for the way in which the case had been handled.

GAINESVILLE IS STATE FOOTBALL HIGH CHAMPIONS

Duval Defeated, But Miami Wants Chance at Title

(By Associated Press) Gainesville, Dec. 9.—Gainesville tonight acclaimed its high school football warriors who today vanquished the heretofore unconquerable Duval eleven of Jacksonville, 25 to 12. With the victory tucked under their belts the Gainesville eleven stood with Miami as the only claimants for the season's state scholastic championship. Today's win brought added sweetness to the Alachua county lads, for it was the first time in four years that Duval had been defeated in the state, and it was the second time Gainesville had downed Duval in eight years of playing.

Miami Beats Plant City.

Miami, Dec. 9.—Miami qualified for the finals in the state football championship by defeating Plant City here, 25 to 0, this afternoon. Superior following of the ball and taking quick advantage of the breaks turned the tide of battle.

Though each team accumulated thirteen first downs, Miami did most of its gaining in Plant City territory, while the Plant City eleven was inside Miami's forty-yard line only once, that time Miami holding for downs on its 25-yard line.

DAYTONA MAN KILLED

Daytona, Fla., Dec. 9.—C. C. Melton, a garage mechanic, died this afternoon shortly after a motorcycle he was testing became uncontrollable and dashed into a tree while running fifty miles an hour.

RUSSIA WORRYING OVER ISMET PASHA AND HIS THREATS

Foreign Minister Tells Journalists of the Danger

SPEAKER MAKES PLEAS

Modestly Declares He Will in No Way Criticise

(By United Press) Lausanne, Dec. 9.—Proof that bolshevik Russia is highly dissatisfied with Turkey because Ismet Pasha has abandoned the Russians on the question of the Dardanelles, was found today when M. Tchetcherin, the soviet foreign minister, issued an urgent invitation to the Turkish journalists and in the course of a long speech warned them of the dangers of placing their trust in the allied nations. M. Tchetcherin did not want to say anything in the way of criticism of the Turkish plenipotentiaries, but thought the Turkish people at home should know the trend of things. He had a distinct impression, he said, that war between Turkey and the powers was still going on. Usually these were fought on the battlefield, but at Lausanne the war was being waged around the green table and the goal was to separate Turkey from Russia. Afterward the great powers would defeat Turkey and Russia separately.

Urge Real Farmer For Appointment On Reserve Board

(By Associated Press) Washington, Dec. 9.—Efforts to have the National Association of State Agricultural Commissioners go on record against the appointment of W. P. G. Harding as governor of the federal reserve board failed today at the closing session of the fifth annual meeting of the organization. The association did go on record in favor of the appointment of a real actual farmer to the reserve board. In approving the approval resolution it struck out the generally used term, "dirt" farmer, on the ground that it was undignified.

Methodist Bishop Dies From Effects of Auto Accident

(By Associated Press) Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 9.—Bishop R. G. Waterhouse, of the Methodist Episcopal church, who was injured by an auto here Thursday night, died this afternoon at 2 o'clock without regaining consciousness. The bishop's skull was fractured and one arm a dnleg were broken.

Avenges Father's Death by Killing Man Acquitted

(By Associated Press) Grayson, Ky., Dec. 9.—Harrison Blanton, 24 years old, shot and killed Paul Herron on the courthouse steps late today, a few minutes after Herron had been acquitted of killing the former's father, William Blanton. Sheriff's deputies were guarding the county jail as the consequence of reports that an effort would be made to lynch the younger Blanton.

16 DAYS TO CHRISTMAS